

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Akira YOSHIDA	Confirmation No.: 1492
Application No.: 10/560,189	Examiner: Henry S. Hu
Filed: December 9, 2005	Group Art Unit: 1796

For: VULCANIZED FLUORO RUBBER AND HOT-PRESS CUSHION MATERIAL
COMPRISING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement of December 22, 2008, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group III, encompassing claims 6-10 for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding restriction requirement. Namely, MPEP §803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present application would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Restriction Requirements on the ground that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.